

Case AA335F

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the matter of

U.S. National Phase Entry Under 35 USC 371 from the International Application of SAKO, Takashi et al Int'l Application No. PCT/US98/15853 Filed in the RO/US on 30 July 1998

Entitled:

Hair Conditioning Composition Comprising

Carboxylic Acid/Carboxylate Copolymer,

And Visible Particle

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box PCT Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

<u>Before computing the fees</u> for entering the captioned International Application into the U.S. National Phase, please enter the following amendments **IN THE CLAIMS**:

In Claim 9 please replace the phrase "any of the preceding claims" with -- Claim 1--.

The support for these amendments is found in the claims as originally filed. These amendments are being entered to bring the claims into conformance with, *inter alia*, 37 CFR §1.75; no new matter is added.

Respectfully submitted for Applicants,

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